MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) This is a ryots' road taken under Government maintenance, but its maintenance is entrusted to interested people. The road is reported to be fit for cart traffic during the dry weather.

(*b*) The Government note the information.

(2) An estimate will be called for.

Irrigational facilities to Punja Cultivators.

223. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) of the difficulties experienced by the *punja* cultivators generally for want of proper drainage channels in vast *padams*; and

(*b*) that, during the months from Tulam to Makaram every year, a large number of criminal cases crop up among the ryots on account of disputes regarding the right of passage of water?

(2) Will they be pleased to consider the desirability of appointing a special investigation officer to investigate and report on these numerous minor channels on the western portions of North and Central Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the negative.

(2) If specific instances are brought to notice, the Chief Engineer will be asked to investigate the matter.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): In regard to the answer to part (*b*), will the Government be pleased to call for a list of the cases that have cropped up in Tulam and Makaram?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Of which year, please?

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Every year.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): For how many years past?

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Figures for the last three years will satisfy the Government of the difficulty that is experienced.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This is a new question.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): It is not a new question. Question (*b*) refers to the number of cases that have cropped up.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not suggested that the statement of the number of cases should be called for.

If the member wants statistics of the number of cases, he might give notice of that question.

Motor accidents in 1102.

224. **MR. C. P. THOMAS** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to give statistics of motor accidents in 1102 in the State showing:

(*a*) the nature of the accidents;

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